



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Confirmation No.: 1036

Yasuhito Sone Art Unit: 3639

Application No.: 09/868,619 Examiner: Fadey Jabr

Filed: September 25, 2001 Attorney Dkt. No.: 107390-00006

For: PREPAID AVAILABLE NUMBER-OF-TIMES-OF-UNITARY-USE STORAGE MEDIUM FOR MAKING USE OF PAY SERVICES, INITIAL VALUE-SETTING SYSTEM AND DEVICE, AND OPERATING SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

MAIL STOP RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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August 9, 2006

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, Applicant requests that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 9.